TROPEAN STATESMEN **FAVOR WILSON'S PLAN** GREE TO HELP EFFECT

LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Objections to England's Navy-Laws of Sea to Be Made Jointly.

(By David Lawrence.) Paris, Dec. 25 .- (Special Cable Y. Evening Post.)-President son is making headway in his nferences with European states-en, for practically all thus far have reed to do their best to effect the igue of nations. When it is conered that until recently a dispo-on was prevalent to regard as ely academic and impractical all emes for a league of world pow-and to place real faith in special

There is no reason to pose that the British view will different and there is a confident sciation here that beliefs pre-isly expressed by Mr. Lloyd rge, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. uith, and now forcibly reiterated Lord Northcliffe, mean that the t powers of the world have conague of nations with the well-ed purpose of reaching an making possible the creof such a structure at the earpossible moment.

to sidetrack all other questions cially territorial ones, until a on of everything that the desire will unquestiona at the same time, but the ms to be that a definite agree-it for a league of nations will many apprehensions growing tegic frontiers. So it may be said t much of the present discussion regard to the size of armaments merica and Great Britain will sarily be limited by the prac facts of a league of nations once such a thing has been

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ican view, which has influential supporters, argues that unless all the belligerents are willing to distribute the
German fleet in such a fashion as to
equalize the strength of the navies of
the world, the best thing to be done is
to melt up all the warships surrendered
by Germany.

Holders of this view declare that,
while admitting the prependerance of
sea power of other nations hitherto,
they do not believe that America can
afford any longer to be placed in a position of relying solely upon the British
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It is also contended that while British so a power has been used as a civilizing influence, America should not rest content to depend for protection of her long Atlantic and Pacific coasts on the benevolence of the British navy, but that American sea power should be the equal of any other on the seas.

Indeed, these men go so far as to urge that while they are anxious that the two English-speaking democracies co-operatively shall be the backbone of any league of nations, there ought to be no objection to scaling the fleets down. It is fully realized, however, that the British may be unwilling to do this, so it is being urged that the American naval program now before congress will enable the United States to reach a point of equality with the fleet of Great Britain. At the same time the fact that the British navy of the immediate future will be larger than that of America is at the bottom of the proposal that unless the German fleet be given to America. Italy, France and Japan to bring up their naval strength somewhere near that of the British, the best thing to be done is to complete the dismantling of the German battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

When I asked an American naval officer of prominence whether he would not view with a feeling of regret the destruction of so many vessels, he remarked, "Any officer who looks upon the weapons of the navy as anything but an instrumentality to obtain the good of mankind mistakes the purpose for which the American navy, at least, has always stood and will stand." Indeed, he gave me the impression that it would not be a bad idea to accustom the world to thinking of a reduction of armaments and that now was as good time as any to see navies scaled down of which the dismantling of the German fleet would be a conspicuous example.

My own prediction is that the American mission will be inclined to view with disfavor the distribution of the German fleet in such a fashion as to increase

Agreement is involved.

As one member of the American mission explained informally, there is not the slightest objection to the possession by Great Britain of a large navy, but this should not mean that she will be able to use her force to dictate the laws of the sea. Unquestionably the American point of view in regard to sea laws is not unlike that of the British, but instead of depending upon the benevolent is not unlike that of the British, but in-stead of depending upon the benevolent exercise thereof it is believed that all the powers, including the United States, should bind themselves exactly as to how sea power is to be used in time of

should bind themselves eachly as to how sea power is to be used in time of war.

This would recognize the possible outbreak of universal war, when covenants of the league are broken, in which case freedom of the seas would be absolutely denied by every possible means to the offending nation, as for example by America and the navies of the allies against Germany, or in case of local wars between neighbors in respect to causes related to small areas, in which the American idea would be to prevent the wholesale interruption of the trade and commerce of the world through the right of a larger navy to detain and seize vessels on any part of the seven seas merely to carry out rules made on the spot by a dominating naval force. Here again a league of nations is expected to define the exact amount of interference which belligerents shall be able to impose upon neutrals with preference always for the rights of the latter, which compose a majority of human beings whose welfare otherwise would be jeopardized.

SINN FEIN HAS MAJORITY

Lord Decies, who sailed last week for England after a visit of a few days to his father-in-law, George J. Gould, and his family, said before he left that the reason for his hurried departure was the elections in Ireland, which had given the Sinn Feiners a majority in the Irish parliament

was before in history of food and men receive high wages to buy it with.

"I wish that some of the wealthy Irish-Americans would come over to Ireland, and see the real conditions firsthand by mixing with all classes of people. There is a fine opportunity to invest money in industrial enterprises which would pay good dividends. Land can be bought for factory sites, and the waters of the rivers Lilley and Snannon could be used for electric power plants. Belfast has today the finest linen factories and shipyards in the world, and there is no better country for horse breeding. Then miles of grazing land have been put under cultivation since the war and have produced fine crops of wheat and oats."

Lord Decies said that his wife was at their castle, Laxlaup, in Kildare, nine miles north of Dublin.

Spanish Influenza can be prevented easier than it can be cured.

At the first sign of a shiver or sneeze, take



THE MAN WITH THE CLUB FOOT

By VALENTINE WILLIAMS

Copyright, 1918, by the Public Ledger Co., (Copyright by Robert M. Menride & Co.) CHAPTER I I Seek a Bed in Rotterdam

The reception clerk looked up from

The reception clerk looked up from the hotel register and shook his head firmly. "Very sorry, saire." he said. "not a bed in ze house." And he closed the book with a snap.

Outside the rain came down heavens hard. Every one who came into the brightly lit hotel vestibule entered with a gush of water. I felt I would rather die than face the wind-swept streets of Rotterdam again.

I turned once more to the clerk who was now busy at the key-rack.

"Haven't you really a corner? I wouldn't mind where it was, as it is only for the night. Come now " ""Very sorry, saire. We have two gentlemen sleeping in ze bathrooms already. If you had reserved " "And he shrugged his shoulders and bent toward a visitor who was demanding his key.

I turned away with rage in my heart. What a cursed fool I had been not to wire from Groningen! I had fully intended to, but the extraordinary conversation I had had with Dicky Allerton had put everything else out of my head. At every hotel I had tried it had been the same story—Cooman's, the Maas, the Grand, all were full to the bathroom. If I had only wired " As I passed out not the porch I bethought myself of the porter. A hotel porter had helped me out of a similar plight in Breslau once years ago. This porter, with his red, drink-sodden face and tarnished gold braid, did not promise well, so far as a recommendation for a loiging for the night was concerned. Still " was my mind dwelling on my experience at Breslau that made me address the man in German. When

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"When a nation is at war, officers on citive service must occasionally disap-pear, sometimes in their country's in-terest, sometimes in their own."

He emphasized the words "on active service."
In a flash my eyes were opened. How blind I had been! Francis was in Ger-

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The Cipher With the Invoice
Red Tab's sphinx-like declaration was
no riddle to me. I knew at once that
Francis must be on secret service in
the enemy's country, and that country
Germany. My brother's extraordinary
knowledge of the Germans, their customs, life and dialects, rendered him
ideally suitable for any such perilous
mission. Francis always had an extraordinary talent for languages; he
seemed to acquire them all without any
mental effort, but in Germen he was
supreme. During the year that he and
I spent at Consistorial-Rat von Mayburg's house at Bonn, he rapidly outdistanced me, and though, at the end
of our time, I could speak German like
a German, Francis was able, in addition, to speak Bonn and Cologne patois
like a native of those ancient cities—
aye, and he could drill a squad of recruits in their own language like the



"And here," said Dick, diving into his pocket, "is the writing."

Wie Achiles in dem Zeite.

Wo zweie sich zanken Erfreut sich der Dritte.

Like Achiles in the tent.

When two people fall out The third party rejoices.

stared at this nonsensical document

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vates.

From the day of the luncheon at the Bath club to this very afternoon I had had no further inkling of my brother's whereabouts or fate. The authorities at home professed ignorance, as I knew, in duty bound, they would, and I had nothing to hang any theory on to until Dicky Allerton's letter came. Ashcroft at the F. O. fixed up my passports for me and I lost no time in exchanging the white gulls and red cliffs of Cornwall for the windmills and trim canals

resolved.

"I had received, the old Dutchman went on, 'from Gairemany a parcel of metal shields, plates—what you call 'em—of tin, hein? What I had to advertise my business. They arrife las' week—I open the parcel myself and on the tor is the envelope with the in-

tne tor is the envelope with the involce.

"Wynheer paused; he has a good sense of the dramatic.

"Well." I said, 'did it bite you or say "Gott strafe England." or what?"

"Van Urutius ignored my flippancy and resumed, 'I open the envelope and there in the involce I find this wriging—here!"

"And here," said Dicky, diving into his pocket, "Is the writing!"

And he thrust into my eagerly outstretched hand a very thin half-sheet of foreign notepaper, of that kind of cheap glazed notepaper you get in cafes on the continent when you ask for writing materials.

Three lines of German, written in fluent German characters in purple ink beneath the name and address of Mynheer van Urutius " that was all.

My heart sank with disappointment and wretchedness as I read the inscription.

you have told me that Francis may have actually got into Germany, then, I must say, it looks as if this might be an attempt of his to communicate with home."

"Where did the Dutchman's packet of stuff come from?" I asked.

"From the Berlin Metal Works in Steglitz, a suburb of Berlin; he has dealt with them for years."

"But then what does all the rest of it mean—all this about Achilles and the rest." "Ah, Desmond!" was Dicky's reply.

"Ah, Desmond?" was Dicky's reply, "that's where you've got not only me, but also Mynbeer Van Urutius."
"O cakwood! O cakwood, how empty are thy leaves!"—that sounds like a taunt, don't you think, Dicky?" said L. "Or a confession of failure from ness—to let us know that he has done nothing, adding that he is accordingly sulking like Achilles in his tent."

tent."
"But, see here, Richard Allerton," I said, "Francis would never spell 'Achilles' with one T—now, would he?"
"By Jove," said Dic-y, looking at the paper again, "nobody would but a very uneducated person.
"I know nothing about German, but tell me, is that the hand of an educated German? Is it Francis' handwriting?"

tell me, is that the hand of an educated German? Is it Francis' handwriting?"

"Certainly, it is an educated hand." I replied, "but I'm dashed if I can say whether it is Francis' German handwriting; it can scarcely be because, as I have already remarked, he spells 'Achilles' with one "I."

Then the fog came down over us again. We sat helplessly and gazed at the fateful paper.

"There's only one thing for it, Dicky," I raid finally, "I'll take the blooming thing back to London with me and hand it over to the Intelligence, After all, Francis may have a code with them. Possibly they will see light where we grope in darkness."

"Desmond," said Dicky, giving me his hard, "that's the most sensible suggestion you've ma'e yet. Go home and good luck to you. But promise me you'll come back here and tell me if that piece of paper brings the news that dear old Francis is alive."

So I left Dicky but I did not go home. I was not destined to see my home for many a weary week.

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WAR HIT ENGLISH SCHOOLS

Nine Out of Thirteen Football Cap-Nine Out of Thirteen Football Captains at Harrow Fell in Battle.
(London Times Phil. Ledger top. Cable.)
Lendon, Dec. 23.—Incidents frequently bring home the effect of the war vividiy. A Harrow school report shows that or thirteen captains of the football team between 1901 and 1915 nine were killed. Of eleven captains of the cricket team from 1902 to 1915 five were killed.

There is no reason to suppess this is not proportionately true of all the big English schools, which furnished the bulk of the second lieutenants in the army. The acryice was held in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday in memory of attorneys (known here as "seclicitors" as distinct from "barristers"). Of the 5,000 who joined the colors 200 fell. Alexander-Straat 51 bis, Berlin, Iten Juli, 16, Eichenholz! O Eichenholz, ie leer sind deine Blatter, (Translation.)
Mr. Willem van Urutius,
Automobile Agent,
Nymwegen,
81 bis Alexander-Straat,
Berlin, 1st July, '16.

FOCH IN ROBERTS' VISION

"Bobs" Forecast Marshal's Victory
Ten Years Ago in Canada.
(London Times Phil. Ledger Cop. Cable.)
Toronto, Dec. 17.—L'Evenement, of Quebec, states that when Lord Roberts was in Canada ten years ago at the dedication of the Plains of Abraham as a park and playground, he made this prediction:
"They refuse to believe me, and we sleep under a false security, for I co not hesitate to affirm that we shall have a frightful war in Europe, and that England and France will have the hardest experience of their existence. They will, in fact, see defeat very near, but the war will fanally be won by the genius of a French general named Ferdinand Fech, professor in the military school in Paris." I stared at this nonsensical document in stlence. My thoughts were almost too bitter for words.

At last I spoke.

"What's all this rigmarole got to do with Francis, Dicky?" I asked, vainly trying to suppress the bitterness in my voice. "This looks like a list of copybook maxings for your Dutch friend's advertisement cards—"
But I returned to the study of the piece of paper.
"Not so fast, old bird." Dicky replied coolly, "let me finish my story. Old Stick-in-the-mud is a lot shrewder than we think.

Stop Itching Eczema

Stick-in-the-mud is a lot shrewder, than we think.

"When I read the writing," he told me, 'I think he 's all robbish, but then I ask myself, who shall put robbish in my involces? And then I read the writing again and once again and then I see he is a message.

"Stop, Dicky!" I cried, "of course, what an ass I am! Why, Elchenholz—"
"Exactly," returned Dicky, "as the old Mynheer was the first to see, Elchenholz translated into English is 'Oak-tree' or 'Oak-wood'—in other words, Francia,"

"Then, Dicky—" I interrupted.

"Just a minute," said Dicky, putting up his hand, "I confess I thought, on its seeing this message or whatever it is, 'nat there must be simply a coincidence of name and that somebody's idle scribbling had found its way into old Van U.'s invoice. But now that Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little zemo furnished by any druggist for 35c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of eczema, tetter, pimples, rash, blackheads and similar skin diseases will be removed.

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